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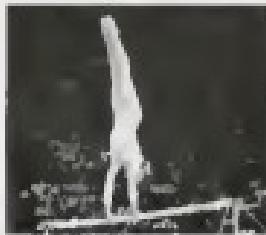
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# **Report to the Membership - 1977**

**By Frank L. Barr**  
**Executive Director, USGF**

The 1976-77 season has ended. The USGF's fiscal year comes to a close the end of August, and the new school year begins. We look forward to the next season with anxious hope that it will be another year of opportunity for our students and that they might achieve even more than during the past year.

Coming off the 1976 Olympic Games, the USGF sent its men's and women's teams to the People's Republic of China. Once again the USSR sent its team to the USA, to tour a number of American cities, and in effect to my turned twelve cities that had become household words ever here in the USA, City Barber and Ludmilla Turcheva. The USGF domestic season was a long and tough one, culminating in national events; they in each case featured large numbers of national qualifiers, as well as for growth and in every case, excellent performances. The sport continued to grow, with the number of youngsters becoming involved in our sport increasing, and the number of schools participating in the sport increasing in some areas, decreasing in others. The private club movement seemed to continue its steady growth but the movement remains challenged in recruitment problems (we are some of the major equipment companies) that do not appear destined to go away on their own.

The USGF view its involvement in international events move to a new high, as this report will verify in later spot. The budget, for the first time in our nearly fifteen years of existence, moved to a point beyond the Million Dollar Mark — a figure we scarcely hoped to achieve in that period of time, but due to truthfully reflects the massive involvement in events, both here and abroad, that now characterizes our program.

President Harry Frolough assumed the position as delegate to the United States Olympic Committee Board of Directors, for the U.S.O.P. He replaced Gordon "Ski" Chalmers, now retired and playing lots of golf we hope, who served us so very well for the past four years. Harry will be coming off four years as USGF President, and as he has been Executive Secretary of the Illinois High School Association for many years, he is extremely qualified to fill the important role of Member of the USOC Board, for the U.S.O.P.

During the past year, Marlene Best, our USGF secretary for some four years, was promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant. Our Publications Department remains under the supervision of Mrs. Masa Baraghani, assisted by Mrs. Becky Crane. The print shop is operated exclusively, but on a part-time basis, by Mr. Jack Merner, and general typing and correspondence is handled both by individual staff members and the use of Kelly girls as needed. Mr. Frank Cawley reaches the age of 65 in early September and will retire at that time, but will keep in touch with our office one or two days a week, in addition with articles for the USGF NEWS and other projects as needed. In the meantime, we have added a new employee to our staff. Since this year the USGF determined not to add a technical (non-judging/staff) staff member, rather it was determined to leave the judging as detached from organizational influence as possible (that is the USGF for the Olympic Games must not select judges for themselves). We have added a, youthful and enthusiastic Mr. Max Watanabe, who for several years has guided the development of the amazing Junior Olympic program for boys. His duties will be far different from those associated with the running



# Frank Bare

## REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Frank Courtney. He will concentrate more on coach clinics and clinics and the organization and scheduling of the men's program, with specific concentration on the Jr. Olympics, and in turn, the National Boys Team.

In the hopes of supplying more promotional materials to the gymnasts in our program, and also making those programs apply to the American public at large, the USGF has embarked upon a new layer of material production. Gym-hats, sweat suits, training shirts, and racers for novel teams are all in the offi. Posters, T-shirts for events, wind-breakers, etc., are all on the list of things to be developed in the near future.

The Board of Directors of the U.S.G.F. has grown to include fourteen national organizations and/or associations. Delegates, or members of the Board, now number twenty-one individuals. Each is selected by their own constituent group to represent their organization on the USGF's Board of Directors. The Board meets annually the first week of October, in Tucson, Arizona. The USGF Executive Committee meets at least once between annual Board meetings, but more often as need be, at the Call of the President.

The current members of the USGF Executive Committee are worthy of mention here. Each is elected to a two-year term of office, and may be re-elected only once, thereby having their stay in such an office to not more than four years. They may remain on the Board, however, if they remain as delegates from their constituent organization, but in that case they would remain as members of the Board, not as officers or members of the elected Executive Committee.

President Harry Fritchett completes a four year period as President of the U.S.G.F. His seven has been perhaps the busiest and most "involved" of any USGF President. During his term of office, he saw the sport grow in members, size of programs, budget and professional staff. During his term as President, he was also a voting delegate for the National High School Federation. Vice-President for Women, Mrs. Vernon French of Pacific University, will also leave her office the end of this year, after four years in the position. She was elected at-large, that is to say, Vernon was not a member of the Board of Directors.

Vernon represents one of the truly great actions by the USGF Board. Each year they attempt to select at-large members of the Executive Committee (there are now at-large positions) from the amateur program without consideration of the constituent being representative of any constituent association. This brings into the annual Board meeting, and the Executive Committee meeting, many individuals from the sport who have the opportunity to see the USGF over workings first hand, and in fact take part in those workings. Myself, Bill Crossman of Austin, Texas, is Vice-President for Men. Bill came to the Board as a delegate from the U.S. Association of Independent Clubs. He was elected to the Vice-Presidency for Men, and since that time has been replaced in USAIDC delegate but remains as Vice-President (at-large) and his term expires the end of 1978. Following other at-large positions are Mr. Mary Ann Mahoney, of Denver, Colorado, in the position of Secretary; Mrs. Betty Meyer of Chicago, Illinois, as one member at-large; and Mr. Ed Knapp, of Wilmington, Delaware, an member at-large and also delegate from the USAIDC. Elections are held annually in October with the newly elected individuals taking office on January 1st of the following year.

The USGF occupies a 4,000 square foot building at the near East side of Tucson. Its print shop is located in a leased building within some five minutes drive from the office itself. We are purchasing the office building, and own approximately two-thirds of the building's value right now. Each staff member averages a paying office, has his or her own typewriter, and, if need be, adding machines, etc. Mailings and packaging of book orders, posters, etc., takes place in the mail room. The building features a conference room that seats twelve.

### Program

**T**he USGF has made a number of changes this year for application to the national programs next year. Limiting the number of participants in regional championships at all levels (Jr. Olympic, Senior, Elite), not to simply limit members but rather to make qualifications more meaningful at real national qualification events, and the field is also less crowded and more meaningful to those who did make it that far. The Junior National Team concept began for girls, and has begun for boys. The new program holds promise for all participants, and plans now call for increasing the use of the name from ten to twelve to twenty. It is a first step for such a program and although we are feeling our way along with it, it bodes well for the future and will no doubt, after some refinements at first, become an integral part of the national program for boys and girls.

Jackie He, our long-time Chairperson of the Technical Committee, played a great lesser in being elected to the Technical Committee of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG). I am pleased to report to you that after having passed due discernment she has not rested, and continues to strive to make viable improvements in the sport on the international level. Her energies are well directed and she represents all of us in the sport of gymnastics very capably.

### International Report

**Y**our Federation has become increasingly active in the area of participation in regularly scheduled international events. The attached events report will show that quite readily, and our schedule appears to be ever increasing in number of events. The past year has seen some rather interesting occurrences in our sport. Nedra Conner had been rung out of the picture, but came back to win the European All-Around title quite easily, only to have that competition before its conclusion (during the finals) over a dispute with the judges and certain other international officials who became involved in that dispute. There can be little question that as of this writing the names the Netherlands female gymnast in the world, and perhaps her main rival, Tadeusz Jagurko is second. There will be some questions to answer about the Romanian walk-out in Prague at those European Championships, but my personal opinion will be that representation for the Romanian Federation might be denied, but nothing should be done to discourage participation by the gymnasts of Romania in any and all events.

Politically speaking, the new President of the FIG, Mr. Yury Titov of the USSR, has done a

quite satisfactory job as President. He has displayed, in the meetings I have attended, a maturity that I commend him for, and hope to see such a man continue. There are several changes in policy for the men's and women's FIG Technical Committees that are commendable. If they are passed by the General Assembly at the FIG Congress to be held in Rome in late November, they might well set a form for the better in international judging.

Perhaps many of you are not aware that the FIG positions are elected at the annual FIG CONGRESS Once elected, however, those on the FIG Committee are no longer (theoretically) representatives of their home country. That means, that I as Vice-President of the FIG, cannot vote for the United States at such meetings. In the Executive Committee meetings I attempt to the best of my knowledge to represent the feelings of the USA, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico, Cuba and all others in this area (as well as English speaking and Spanish speaking countries) with regard to any issue to which geography or equality applies. At the Congress, however, motions due from the USAF must be assigned a voting delegate for the United States of America.

The FIG now boasts approximately 72 member nations. Again, in theory, each of them must have a Gymnastic gymnastics program. Many do not have a national program, but it is a difficult task to ascertain the existence or non-existence of a sports activity in many of these areas. A better measure might well be the involvement in regional or continental events, but such as of the writing is not the case.

There is considerable difference to be noted when an official of the FIG is elected from a nation in which amateur sports are both government sponsored and financed, and in our case as ours. This is not to be construed as a criticism. I only bring it to your attention for information purposes because of the graphic difference in reaction to changes in high international sports federation offices. As an official of the FIG (Vice-President), I must take time from my regular job as Chairman of the USGF and attend four to five meetings per year of the FIG Executive Committee. My expenses are paid by the USGF so these meetings, however, my time away from work here at the national office is considerable involving perhaps five weeks of the year as a minimum. The FIG President from Switzerland (Mr. Arthur Quater, 1968-71 as President) was a physical education teacher in one of the Swiss states. When he was elected to the FIG President, he was excused by his State from his work of full pay, to perform the responsibilities of this office. Mr. Quater has recently been replaced in the USSR Gymnastics Federation job, to give him fulltime to devote to being President of the FIG. I note, with some sense of honor and some of reality, that if I were to be elected to the FIG Presidency I might have to look for another job due to the heavy demands on time and travel placed on me for that position . . . when with meetings with the IOC, the G.A.I.F., etc. ad infinitum. Naturally, it would take so much time away from the USGF it would be difficult to hold both positions. It is an interesting comparison between interpretation of elected honorary positions.

Gymnastics throughout the world appears to be growing. The number of spectators seems greatest in the U.S.A., Canada and Great Britain. At least based on the crowds drawn to Olga Korbut, etc., these three nations seem to lead the world in drawing power. The level of difficulty of performances has leaped tremendously . . . almost into an-

other dimension. The women now focus double backs in floor exercise, and off the beam, perhaps not routinely as yet but the trend has been set. The most notable difficulty here has been made by the USSR men's team. Twinning doubles on the floor, triple fly-a-ways from the high bar, and double swiveling double fly-a-ways as well. There appears to be no end to the limits in ability to perform difficult movements with precise execution. Only the laws placed by danger will guide future development of very difficult skills, elements, and movements within routines.

The U.S.G.F. has made moves for the coming FIG Congress to call for "open" scoring in FIG events. Each judge shows his or her score to the world at the time it is given. We have proposed it done for judge assignments, to take place thirty minutes prior to the start of the event. We have proposed a World Championships every two years (not every four as it is now), with the odd year before the Olympic Games to serve as qualification for the next year's Olympic Games. Jackie Fu has made a number of proposals of a technical nature, aimed at making the difference between the medal two scores closer, etc. We strive to make the sport more objectively judged and at the same time make more competitive opportunities for our gymnasts.

#### Summary

**T**he past year has been the busiest in its history not only of the U.S.G.F., but of the sport of gymnastics in its entire history in the USA. It is our sincere hope that this is a trend that is not reversible, but one that will continue, allowing growth and steady improvement to go hand in hand. The addition of Max Winters, to our staff. A streamlined version of the USGF NEWS, with a new computerized mailing system . . . a wider variety of materials available to the public and our membership, and a broader program with a more concentrated competitive base. All these are projects that are in motion.

In closing, let me point out that although the U.S.G.F. will be 100 years old in January of 1978, it remains an forward-looking, and continues to change both structurally and administratively with the growth of the sport. From its inception in 1928, the single goal of promoting and developing the sport of gymnastics in the United States has remained most important. The U.S.G.F. is, as any organization with fourteen national associations and their complex programs, right well be, not free from problem areas. We do, however, see a trend that is also most desirable among our programs. That trend is towards a national team image and feeling. It is a feeling that has not been truly seen or felt before, and the need for it is now. In 1978 at the World Championships we will be faced with competition at the highest level. In 1978, we need to face the task of moving into the top six positions in the world, and then move from that point upward as steadily as possible. That should be the goal of every coach and gymnast in America who aspires to participate at the international level, for this can three years.

For the United States Gymnastics Federation

**Frank L. Barr**  
Executive Director  
August 31, 1973.

"In 1980, we need to face the task of moving into the top six positions in the world, and then move from that point upward as steadily as possible."

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### Jr. Olympics -

## **Boys' Competition, '77**

July 2, 1977

The Blue Window

Many talented gymnasts from all over the United States who scored the required number of points in their Regional Championships gathered together in Boulder, Colo., for the 4th annual USGF Jr. Olympic Championships for Boys. The setting of the University of Colorado is in the heart of the Rocky Mountains with breathtaking views and the University was selected for the exciting event because of the fine facilities as well as the location.

Altogether twice as many boys qualified than did in 1936 for a total of 116 gymnasts, an spin of the fact that the new competition rules were used this year for the first time. The atmosphere was tense and exciting as the boys gathered

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the day before the competition at the Student Recreation Center and looked at each other working out. Many visiting coaches, fans, and spectators were very impressed by the difficulty and technical execution of the boys. Many of the coaches and parents stayed at one of the University dormitories as a very reasonable cost.

As the day dawned, Friday the 8th, there were 32 gymnasts in the 13-14 Age-Group, and 64 in the 15-18 Age-Group. The 13-14 group started at 10:00 a.m., with Compulsories, with 6 events at once. There were two judges for each event, and each judge was Nationally rated or better; the competition was well organized with Sid Fossman, Coach of the University of Colorado, as the meet director. Although it is difficult to follow everyone with six events in progress, the meet had all the thrills of an Olympic meet but also conducted in

the same manner. It prevents long waits by the boys and gives spectators continuous action and there was plenty of it.

It became apparent immediately that the technical execution and form had improved greatly over last year.

It was rewarding to see the improvements in body position, and the effect that emphasizing of compensation had on the boys. Jim Mikus led the group with a 34.05 as the competitors (just had won the last 3 years) with Chris Regel 3rd, both from Reading, Pa., coached by Larry Meyer. Joe Jacobs from Florida and Max Arnett from New Mexico were tied for 3rd with 32.75 points. The spread from 1st to 10th was only 1.45 points, indicating the closeness of the competition.

The afternoon session, competitions by the 13-14's, brought more excitement to the competition. The same format was used for the 64 boys. At this age there were definite differences shown in their physical maturity level and it was reflected in their performances. They were more dynamic, showed speed, power and in many cases "flair." The top two gymnasts were Jim Hastings with 55.15 and Phil Cahoy with 54.00, both from Omaha, Nebraska, and both coached by Phil

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Cahoy, Tom Pace from New York was in 3rd place with 12.70. From 4th to 13th place only 1.4 was the spread indicating a very tight competition.

On Saturday morning the oarsmen started in the morning for the 13-14 Age Group. The competition was keen since not only were the boys competing for the plaques for 1st, 2nd & 3rd on

each event, but for the special USOF Trophies for the first 10 in the All-Around and for the grand prize of two (all expense) weeks in the USOF Olympic Development Camp under the direction of Mr. Watanabe.

(There were also some 12 year olds competing. The rules allow for the exceptional 12 year old who has met the size requirements, to compete at the Nationals.)

The boys were all out to capture the awards and it was exciting to watch. There were a few double fulls executed very well on the Floor and some other excellent combination such as, Arabian front and TV swing, one full rotating backflip, handspinning front etc. Also there was a tremendous improvement on the Rings, especially in the swing forward and backward. There were many high flying releases to back uprise handstand with a high swing. Many handspins from and Tsukaharas were executed in Vaulting.

"The supporting events, Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars, have shown the least improvement in options."

and many vaults had amplitude and control in after-flight. Overall difficulty on the Horizontal Bar was improved, with Strokes both ways; however, although the dismounts were difficult, many lacked proper execution and showed poor landing and need improvement. The supporting events, Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars have shown the least improvement in options even though the body position has improved in both events. Many of the gymnasts showed that they had physical weaknesses during the routines. From this observation it may be possible to assume that to develop this basic strength might take longer on these events than to develop other basic strengths on the others.

The competition ended with Jim Mikus successfully defending his title making it 4 in a row for him which no one else will ever duplicate in this age group since it is now limited to 12, 13 and 14 year olds. His team mate Chas Kiegel was 2nd and he is only 12. He surprised and impressed with a total of 100.45 to Jim Mikus' 103.30. The average of the ten top gymnasts, was 95.08 points, which is 4.3 points higher than last year, a remarkable improvement.

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## Improvement Evident At Jr. Olympic Camp

Immediately after the U.S.O.F. Junior National Championships, the top 30 finishers from both age groups were selected to participate in the 4th Annual Junior Olympic Development Camp. The camp was held at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado from July 10 through July 31st, 1971. The gymnasium and coaching staff were staying at one of the campus dormitories and excellent foods were provided. The beautiful University Recreation Center facilities were utilized for the training camp with two sets of apparatus in each event. The gymnasium was comfortably air conditioned and adjacent to this, was an ice rink and swimming pool, also offered for recreational use. The gymnasts who participated are:

Name	State
Jim Hartung	Nebraska
Paul Calley	Nebraska
Tom Pace	New York
Peter Scott	Florida
Jeff Reason	Pennsylvania
Brian Balcock	Kansas
Darren Price	Florida
Frank Thompson	Arizona
Chuck Crotella	Nebraska
Mirron Gibbs	North Carolina

13-14 Age Group (includes some 15 year olds)	
Jan Mikus	Pennsylvania
Chris Kiegel	Pennsylvania
Dana Guszki	Pennsylvania
Hobby Campbell	New Jersey
Joyc Ray	Illinois
Dele Brown	Texas
Bruce Baloy	New Jersey
Mike Azeni	New Mexico
Mark Bowen	Nebraska
Jon Jacobs	Florida

The program was directed by Miss Watanabe, the coordinator for U.S.O.F. Junior Olympic Boys program, and the regular members of the camp staff, Paul Zett, University of Oklahoma; Dick Foss, University of Washington; and Wessure Mita, Santa Clara Gymnastics Club. In addition to these regular members, Oleg Biavik, University of Oklahoma graduate, was the substitute for Paul Zett in the second week, and Bert Conner helped the talented gymnasts as a group leader. Due to the increase in camp participants from 12 to 20 (submiss in younger age group) it was necessary to have additional

staff. Bert Conner, acting as group leader gave the young gymnasts good stimulation and a lot of incentive to work hard. Jim Peacock (former Olympian in 1968) acted as the camp coordinator, assisting in some instructions, planning recreation activities on light days and many other collaborative work during the camp.

This format for the camp was very much the same as in the past. Their entire day was set up for the gymnastics:

8:30 - 9:00	A.M.	Wake up
9:00 - 9:30	Morning	Exercise
9:30	Breakfast	
10:00 - 11:00	Lecture	
11:30	Lunch	
12:00 - 4:30	P.M.	Workouts (all R events)
		Warm Down
		Exercise
		Dinner
		Film Session
		Strength
		Exercise

The first change attempted in this format from the past was:

1. Having warm down exercise immediately after the main workout.
2. The strength exercise was moved to the evening in an attempt to maximize the effect of the exercise by giving an interval from the strenuous main workout.

The morning lecture topics were picked according to their need from various angles and presented by staff as follows:

July 11-Introduction: Purpose and goals for the camp—Watanabe and Zett

July 13-Strength exercise for gymnastics, Disengagement of arch and piled position—Watanabe

July 14-Golden Sand, Ironbridge Steel at Bulgaria, Technical analysis on State-Gert and Watanabe

July 14-Observation of Japanese gymnasts and their training—Conner

July 15-Training: Goals for the training, learning—Watanabe

July 16-Monthly training report, Dan—Watanabe  
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# Girls' Competition, '77

### By Joe Beemer Maj. Director

The Portland Gymnastics Center hosted this year's USGF JO championship on June 10-11. Ten competition from 6 of the 8 USGF regions participated.

#### Seniors

Region I - Diane Ellingson	- Noggin, Utah—Michelle Pond, Paul Hunt, coaches
Region II - Jan Colvin	- Tigard Twisters, Oregon—Wayne McClement, Ed Zanetti, coaches
Region III - Linda Phillips	- Flippins, Texas—Diana Vandenburg, Betty Marano, coaches
Region VI - Marge Foster	- FM Flairs, New York—Pat Foster, coach

#### Juniors

Region I - Kari Lewis	- Sunray, Arizona—Jim Nelson, coach
Region II - Bonnie Barnes	- Puget Sound Sch. of Gym., Washington—Brad Louis, coach
Region III - Pam Lee	- Super Noves, Texas—Pat Hamilton, coach
Region IV - Terese LaRock	- Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Minnesota—John Tobkin, coach
Region V - Sheri Beckhoff	- Castle Oaks Gym Club, Illinois—Mike Kavanaugh, coach
Region VI - Beth Carey	- Fawcettics, New York—Phil Davel, coach

The small number of gymnasts allowed the girls to compete in one group which added to the relaxed pace of the meet and the sense of individual competition.

Both the Friday night and Saturday night sessions began at 7:00 P.M., which allowed the competitors and coaches all day to participate in the Rose Festival activities which were being held at the same time as the meet.

Friday night competitors saw Marge Foster, Sr. from New York and Kari Lewis, Jr. from Arizona turn in very solid performances (Foster 33.15; Lewis 37.65) and take the lead in their age groups.

The competitors were extremely strong with the majority of scores in the 9.0's. Vault was exceptional with all but one gymnast in the 9.0's. Marge Foster nailed down a 9.7 on a tool box vault.

Saturday night options were exciting and enjoyable. Again the small number of gymnasts added greatly to the competition.

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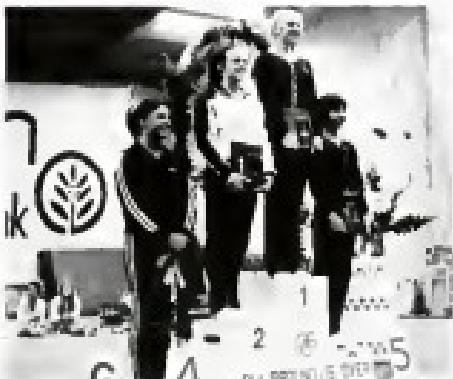
In the Juniors—Kari Lewis won floor turning in 9.25 comp. and 9.35 opt. Beth Carey was second and Pam Lee third.

Marge Foster won Sr. floor edging out Diane Ellingson by .1 of a point. Third was Linda Phillips.

#### Vault

Beth Carey, Jr. super comp. vault 9.6 was able to give her a .1 edge over Terese LaRock and Pam Lee. Pam did an extremely fine job for 9.5. (Continued on Page 20)

Senior All Around winners included, left, Diane Ellingson (1); Marge Foster (2); Jan Colvin (3), and Linda Phillips, (4). All Around Junior winners are Kari Lewis (1); Bonnie Barnes (2); Beth Carey (3); Pam Lee (4); Terese LaRock (5); and Sheri Beckhoff (6).



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# Cumiskey - Gymnastic Giant - Retirement? No Such Thing!

To borrow from a Mark Twain phrase, the reports of Frank J. Cumiskey's retirement "are highly exaggerated." True, on Sept. 6th he officially steps aside as Assistant Executive Director of the USGF at the formal retirement age of 62, but Mr. C. (as he's known at Headquarters) will stay on and lend his formidable talents and energy to the organization in a consulting role.

"Frank is too valuable a man to just turn loose," says Executive Director Frank Barr. "He's been the formulation of many programs that are an accepted part of gymnastics today and we've asked him to assist us as long as he wants to."

This marks the second retirement for Cumiskey. In 1968, he retired from the U.S. Postal Service where he was a work measurement analyst. This was at the median age of 52 after 32 years with the Post Office. Three years later, he



Frank Cumiskey

Mr. C caught in an informal moment with other officials at the 1976 National Junior Olympic Championships for Boys at Fort Worth. Mr. C was instrumental in founding the USGF Jr. Olympics Program in 1974.

joined the USGF as its technical director and in 1972 was named Assistant Executive Director.

For more than half a century, Mr. C's life has been gymnastics...as an Olympic performer, as a teacher, a coach, a judge and an administrator. His list of achievements and honors would fill most of the pages of this magazine and it would exceed Cumiskey's desire modestly to enumerate more than just the highlights.

Beginning with his first gymnastics title in 1926 at Union City, N.J., Cumiskey accumulated over 200 medals as a competitor. While attending New York University, he made the 1932 U.S. Olympic team and helped the U.S. take second place in the Summer games held at Los Angeles. And again in 1936 and in 1948 he was chosen for the U.S. Olympic squad. This gave Frank the unrecocgnized honor of having been an Olympian at 19 and still an Olympian at age 38!

He won 25 AAU National Championships (5 All-Around; 7 Pommel Horse; 7 Horizontal Bar; and at least one championship in each of the other four events).

His coaching career has been equally outstanding. He coached the Swiss



Gymnastics Society for five years producing many prominent gymnasts and winning several AAU championships. He served as both coach and teacher at the National Gymnastics Clinic at Sarasota, Fla., for many years and was the Clinic's president for ten years. While at the Sarasota facility, he introduced his "Cumiskey House"—without a saddle it permitted parallel bar type movements as well as traditional pointed horse exercises.

National Chairman for Gymnastics for the AAU in 1964, Cumiskey later founded the National Gymnastics Judges Association serving as its first Technical Director in 1970-71 and as its Executive Director in 1972-73. At one time or another, he has judged at every national event in the United States, at the Olympic Games, the PanAmerican Games and World Gymnastics Championships. And he will both judge and judge at the 1982 Olympic Games.

Frank Cumiskey's many honors include the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame, the USGF Master of Sports Award, the Eastern Judges Association Hall of Fame, Eastern College Athletic Association Official of the Year; and the National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches Honor Coach's Award.

If you asked Mr. C what he felt was his greatest contribution during his years at the USGF, he would probably point to his founding and organization of the Junior Olympics program. In a recent interview he stated "the Junior Olympics competition was necessary to broaden gymnastics participation...to give an added goal for young people to shoot for...events complete with the rigid technical criteria of senior competition." In talking about the Junior Olympics, Cumiskey recognized what has been his philosophy throughout his gymnastics career: "We endeavored to set up the Junior Olympics program so it could be run by anyone. You can't have a successful activity that depends on one person to keep it going. Gymnastics is too big and too important for that. The youngsters and their increasing participation is what's important."

pation and striving for perfection are far more important than the personal ambitions of any individual."

Asked for a look into the future for publication in this issue of the Gymnastics News (which Cumiskey founded in 1974), Mr. C had these observations: "Gymnastics is far from where I entered the sport in the 30's. Then, at most, there were more than 40 or 50 thousand serious gymnasts in the country. Today, more than a half-million young men and women are involved in the U.S. At last, we have a broad and flourishing base for the sport. And yet, we're really just beginning. With well-planned direction, with solid technical standards, and with dedicated expert coaches and judges, I foresee the day—and it's not many years away—when America will have several million gymnasts competing in thousands of schools and colleges and in hundreds upon hundreds of clubs. While we may thank other nations for helping popularize gymnastics through some star performances on Olympic occasions, we here in the United States have the organization and the self-generated enthusiasm to become the genuine leaders in gymnastics far sooner than we might believe."

It is devoutly to be hoped Mr. C is right and also that he's part of gymnastics for many years to come to continue the work he performed so well for the past half-century. ■

#### AIAW GYMNASTICS REMINDER

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# Nadia's Coming!

Tucson, Arizona—Aug. 23, 1977

Frank L. Basa, Executive Director of the U.S. Gymnastics Federation, announced today a five-city USA tour by The Romanian Women's National Gymnastics Team.

Featuring Nadia Comaneci, the most spectacular gymnast in the world, the touring group will arrive in the United States on October 3, 1977, in time to prepare for their opening appearance Friday evening, October 7th in Washington, D.C. The tour schedule follows:

- Oct. 7 Washington, D.C. -  
Coliseum,  
University of Maryland
- Oct. 9 New York - Madison  
Square Garden
- Oct. 11 New Orleans - Superdome
- Oct. 16 Chicago - Chicago  
Stadium

Oct. 19 Hartford - Civic Center  
Touring with Nadia Comaneci will be the sensational Romanian Women's Team, winner of the silver medal in the Montreal Olympics. Nadia's teammate, roommate, and best friend—Teodora Ungureanu—will display the dazzling skills that brought her 4th place honors in the coveted all-around competition and two silver and one bronze medal in the 23rd Olympics. Teodora, whose style so often parallels Nadia's that they are mistaken for each other, is considered by many gymnastics experts to be #2 in the world today. Names like Georges Gabor, Mariana Constanta, Arica Gregora, and Alina Gorza may not be immediately recognizable, but these incredible world class gymnasts will show American audiences their dynamic athletic skills and balance elegance that combined with Nadia and Teodora to earn their team the Olympic silver medal.

The performances in Washington, New York, Chicago, and Hartford will be extensive. The brightest American gymnastics stars and selected specialty artists will join the Romanian girls in a show format that has thrilled U.S. audiences coast to coast. From the opening fanfare to the closing rose parade no sports exhibition has more completely translated audiences into a cheering ovation.



Nadia Comaneci

At the New Orleans Superdome, however, the U.S. Women's National Gymnastics Team will take on the touring Romanian women in a competition of optional exercises. Probably the most important U.S. gymnastics team effort since Montreal, this competition will offer a nationally televised sneak preview of how challenging the American team has become in preparation for the World Championships in 1978.

Winner of 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medals at Montreal Nadia has never lost the all-around title in international competition. No gymnast had ever been awarded the perfect score of 10 in Olympic history, but in collecting the above medals and the all-around title, Nadia received the unanimous approval of the dazzling judges 7 out of a possible 16 times. Her comment afterwards—"I must work to get all 10s every time." ■



## Brazil Tour . . .

# Example of Cooperation

By Fritz Reuter

When we first learned we had a chance to become part of the 3rd FIG World Team Exhibition Tour to Brazil we didn't really believe it. In my mind this was the tour of the tour to be with. But it was true and on May 29 we left on board a Yangtze liner bound for Brazil to be part of the 2nd International Festival Gymnastics Olympia.

The USA contingent consisted of the 1976 National All Around Champion and 1977 National team member DENISE CHESHIRE, SHARON SHAPIRO, who is a member of the 1977 National Team and recent All Around Champion of the International Quattro-Invitational in New Zealand, and myself, FRITZ REUTER, as their coach.

On board with us was the Japanese team with two time Olympic All Around Champions SAMAO KATO and famous Olympic MITSUDO TSUKAHARA for the men and Olympic MILUKI HIRONAKA for the women.

Our flight took us over Lima, Peru to Rio de Janeiro where we were received by our most gracious host Mr. SIGFRID FISHER (Executive Director of the Brazilian Gymnastics Federation) and his wife Arlene.

A bus took us to a beautiful superstructure located right on the beach of Rio, the Hotel de Nossa Senhora.

As we were the first members of the World Team to have arrived in Brazil and the European gymnasts were not scheduled to arrive until the next day we enjoyed the sole attention of the Brazilian press who had joined us for our first workout in the Caixa Gerdau-Cardsa the place of our first two performances.

The round stadium, capable of seating 15,000 spectators, was built of concrete which as we were to find out has an overwhelming acoustical effect when people applaud.

We spent the one day we had before we began our whirlwind of exhibitions through Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, the former capital. The city is a breathtaking landscape flanked by an amiable tropical climate. It is the result of a longer blending of natural splendor and human labor, foreign as florid and lush poetry.

A full house greeted the star-laden gymnastic squads of men and women from 13 nations.

Secretary General of the FIG MAX BANGERTER was the "Chef de Delegation" assisted by Mrs. ELLEN BERGER the president of the FIG Technical Committee for Women and ALEXANDER LYLO the president of the FIG Technical Committee for Men. Also official representatives of the FIG were Mrs. JAROSLAVA MATLAUCHOVÁ from Czechoslovakia and Mr. TURNOUD JALANTIE both members of the FIG Technical Committee. The leader of the Japanese delegation was Mr. YOSHITERU MATSUZAWA. Mr. BORIS KRASNIKOV led the Soviet delegation of OLEGA KOVAL, member of the 1975 pre-Olympic team; MARIA FILATOVA, member of the 1976 Olympic team and winner of the 1977 Moscow News and Riga Cup, a gymnast, as we shall see, with incredible difficulties in her routine and extra that requires audience and expense alike; SERGUEI KHUNIKOV, Gymnast's "BABUSHKIN" and future Olympian, winner of the 1977 Moscow News Invitational, and 19 year old VLADIMIR MARKOLOV, Silver Medal Winner on Floor Exercise in Moscow. The Team was coached by VLADIMIR POPOV and Filatova's personal coach GALINA MAMENTIEVA.

The Romanian delegation was led by MIRCEA BIRBAN and consisted of Olympic CARMELLA TRUSCA and existing ALINA DOREAC as well as long-time national hammer and Olympic DAN GRECH.

Hungary was represented by three girls and two boys, Olympic and Hungarian Female champion MARTHA EGERTVARI, MARGIT TOTH and EVA OVARI. The men sent were less than Olympic Gold Medal Winner on the Side Horse ZOLTAN MAGYAR and PETER DOMAT. Their coaches, KLAARA BEKE and DEZSO NORTMAN, are both national coaches.

Poland was two-time Olympian and 5th in the All Around at Montreal, ANDRZEJ SKARINA, a happy go lucky hard worker, and favorite of every audience, LUCIA MATRASZEK of the Polish Olympic Ham-

Well Germany sent REINHARD DIETZ and along with him came Mr. ULRICH SPETH and his lovely wife, and LISELE INEMAYER, reporter for the FIG BULLETIN. ROBERT BRETSCHER, a two time Olympian from Switzerland, came along with IRENE AMREIN the country's top female gymnast.

From France came MENSI DERRIDA, French Medaillie Winner on the horizontal bars in Montreal, PHILIPPE DELASALLE from Victoria in British Columbia represented Canada. Philippe is an excellent gymanst, a fine young man always winning the audience with his amazing and elegant leotard on the Sabbath.

Magyar's STEFAN DELIBELIC might be a sleeping giant of the future. From Czechoslovakia came JIRI TABAK, one of their top gymnasts. Equipped with some great gymnastic talent, he excited the public with his daring routines. (R.O. The Arabesque double from R.O. double back and R.O. the flat double twist.) The Czech girls, IRMAGRID HOLCOVICKOVA and EVA POKRAKOVA, were favorites of the Brazilian public with their rhythmic dances.

But master Fisher's piled double back or her difficult combination on the Beam or Oleg Koval's interpretation of a Ballflight in the perfect form of Svetlana Khlyushko could silent the theater of applause and excitement that the two Brazilian girls, SELVIA PRADO and LILLIAN CARBASCOZA, received.

ANS DEKKER from the Netherlands rounded out one of the greatest Gymnastics Teams of our time put together by the FIG.

With the exception of Romania, every country had seen some of their absolute best gymnasts to the event and Mr. Max Bangerter as well as Mrs. Ellen Berger and Mr. Alexander Lylo gave the impression that this is a very important affair for the FIG.

Speaking about a significant affair the Brazilian public responded with huge crowds attending all the performances and crowning it with a 25,000 people full house in Brasilia, the new capital of Brazil. The Russians found it so important that they delegated an ambassador to accompany their

were through-out Brazil marking connection with newspapers and swapping their armwrestles with girls.

Virtually every city on our route assigned a police escort with red light and arms to take us from the Airport to the Hotel or from the Hotel to the Stadium. Part of the staff was supplied by the Ministry of Sports and was assigned to do much of the organizing.

The fact that this was not a competition allowed for a rather relaxed atmosphere to develop. Not only did the gymnasts begin to intermingle but also the coaches. I especially enjoyed the discussions and conversations with Mrs. Ellen Berger and Justina Matiachos, women of great wit, charm and humor. The Technecholeotka as well as the P.T.B. Pithole team to be an extremely happy people.

Learning each other's language was one of the favorite forms to get things started. One day I noticed Beate and Sharon talking with Maria and thinking—now I know that my two couldn't speak Russian and neither could Maria speak English, so how did they do it? I soon found out myself with I got to sit next to the little wizared Maria Fratova on the plane from Iguaçu Falls to Porto Alegre. We were using pencil and paper and first studied each other's alphabet and then wrote down a number of words. Using German, French, English, Spanish and sign language as well as drawings you can lead a conversation! □

International brotherhood at its best was experienced in Porto Alegre where we sang songs from the Carnegie, Soviet and Sioux Indians. Robert Butcher and Andreea Srajan had and Eva Ponikova and Ingela Holmstrom filled in with their beautiful voices. The result of all joined in the refrain "Gee did not feel that there were people from two opposing world ideologies, just beautiful people with their hopes, joy and love for life. If the Olympics were the only goal, it may not be worth all the social sacrifice hard training requires, but for the sake of an experience like this one is it worth it?

In Porto Alegre—the home-town of our hosts, Mr. Seghers and Amelie Fischer, we were treated to a gauchinho barbecue on a ranch which turned into a "Brazilian Folklore Festival" with everyone—young and old, gymnasts, hosts and coaches dancing to the cracking music of the native instruments. When the most reserved Russian "Chef de Collegante" Boris Krasnizov was "forced" (they just grabbed him by his hands) to join and turned out quite a jolly fellow. These gymnasts from all over the world did not speak the same language but they had no trouble having FUN together.

Our exhibition tour lead us from Rio over São Paulo where we had two performances (in Rio in Carioba and from there we took a day off to do some sightseeing at the Iguaçu Falls, a natural spectacle of greater magnitude than our own Niagara Falls. The plane that brought us to Foz do Iguaçu circled twice around the Falls to show them to either side of the

passenger) before it approached for landing. Once on the ground we were drawn in a plank boat in the middle of the jagged.

The first performance in Porto Alegre would not go down well in gymnastics history. Many of the gymnasts had troubles and the atmosphere was very nervous. This drove some strong wordabout expectations and reputation of the P.I.G. by Mr. Berger and Mrs. Ellen Berger. Beate and Sharon, however, had done an outstanding job throughout the tour and it seemed that our special training methods began to pay off. During a period of 10

days we had 8 exhibitions and with virtually no opportunity to train as our exhibitions followed another, we had only one break. The performance difference was outstanding and points towards less interference by the mind and more doing by the body. At the same time it was noticeable that all other gymnasts with the exception of the two Russian male gymnasts had several to many breaks. It was especially pleasing as this happened under the eyes of 30,000 spectators. And the press began to write about the girls from ESTADOS UNIDOS. (Continued on Page 76)

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## FRIDAY—OCTOBER 7

9:00 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	USGF Staff
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Foreign Relations Committee/Women (closed meeting) — Board Room	F. Barr
9:00-12:00 noon	International Committee/Men (closed meeting) — Director's Room	J. G. Wittenberg
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Certification Committee Administrative Workshop for Judges and all TA's	V. French, S. A. Thompson
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Modern Rhythmic Dance Workshop — Tennessee "A" & "B"	Sherry Nichols
11:00-12:00 noon	National Competitive Rhythms/Women Banquet and Awards Session — Mississippi "A"	S. Peter
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Mystery Judges Symposium (cont.)	F. Mazyck
<b>General Assembly</b>		
All Sessions Meet in Ridgeway "A" & "B"		
1:00- 1:05 p.m.	USGF Welcome to the 10th Annual Congress	H. Fritschig
1:05- 1:20 p.m.	World University Games Report/World	E. Weiser
1:20- 1:45 p.m.	World University Games Report/World	K. Schaefer
1:45- 2:00 p.m.	Canadian Report	B. Taylor
2:00- 2:15 p.m.	FIG Executive Report	F. Barr
2:15- 2:30 p.m.	Foreign Relations Committee Report	V. Edwards
2:30- 2:45 p.m.	FIG Technical Report/Women	J. Fox
2:45- 3:00 p.m.	International Committee Report/Men	G. Wettstone
3:00- 3:30 p.m.	Women's Gym Program in the USSR	K. O'Brien
<b>End of General Assembly</b>		
3:30- 5:30 p.m.	USGF WG Officers Meeting (closed meeting) — Tennessee "A"	L. Chotomish
3:30- 5:30 p.m.	National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women — Mississippi "A" & "B"	J. Rogers
3:30- 5:30 p.m.	WGGR Junior Olympic Program/Men — Ridgeway "B"	M. Waterhouse
6:30- 8:00 p.m.	Gymnastics Safety Association Report — Ridgeway	R. Amyx, G. Wettstone, Dr. S. Vandervissen
6:30- 8:00 p.m.	National High School Coaches Association — Tennessee "A" & "B"	M. McElroy
7:00- 9:00 p.m.	Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics — Mississippi "B"	N. Zabka
7:00- 9:00 p.m.	NAGC Gym Session (Resumes) — Director's Room	D. Dorsi
8:00-11:00 p.m.	National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Men (1st session) — Ridgeway "A"	B. Penny
9:00-11:00 p.m.	National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges — Tennessee "A" & "B"	R. Kribsen
9:00-11:00 p.m.	Elite Women's Coaches Association — Mississippi "A"	J. Gault

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## SATURDAY—OCTOBER 8

8:00- 8:30 a.m.	Coffee — 1978	M. Zwickel
8:30-10:30 a.m.	USA Independent Gymnastics Clubs (1st session) — Ridgeway "A"	E. Krepper
9:00-10:00 noon	National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Men (1st & 2nd sessions) — Ridgeway "B"	B. Peary
9:00-10:30 a.m.	National Gymnastics Judges' Association/Men — Mississippi "A" & "B"	T. Muzyczko
9:30-10:30 a.m.	U.S. Sports Acrobatic Federation (1st session) — Tennessee "A"	G. Sundby
11:30-12:30 p.m.	FIA Rules Interpretation, Question and Answer Session — Tennessee "A"	J. Flie
1:00- 3:00 p.m.	USOF Women's Committee General Assembly with Reports by National Officers; Regional Meetings Follow — Mississippi "A" & "B"	J. L. Chonowski
2:00- 3:00 p.m.	National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Men (1st session) — Ridgeway	B. Peary
3:00- 5:00 p.m.	Competitive Judging Program/Women—All Events — Mississippi "A" & "B"	J. Flie
3:30- 4:00 p.m.	Reception and Cocktail — Ridgeway "A" & "B"	The Mission Corporation & AMF/American Athlens Equipment Co.
5:00- 6:30 p.m.	USOF Annual Banquet and Award Presentations — Ridgeway "A" & "B"	F. Barr & USOF Staff

## SUNDAY—OCTOBER 9

8:00-10:00 a.m.	National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Men (closing session) — Alabama "A", "B" & "C"	B. Peary
9:00-11:00 a.m.	FIA Computerized — Mississippi "A"	J. Flie
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Dance for Gymnastics — Tennessee "A"	Master Records
9:00 a.m. to Close	USA Independent Gymnastics Clubs (2nd session) — Ridgeway	E. Krepper
9:30 a.m. to Close	U.S. Sports Acrobatic Federation (3rd session) — Mississippi "B"	G. Sundby
12:00 Noon	ADJOURNMENT	

NOTE: Some meetings on Friday morning, October 7, are open to Committee members only, unless otherwise posted on the meeting schedules. The General Assembly formally opens the '77 Congress. Dressing sessions may end when moderator so determines.



OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 1977

Gymnastics Federation

# NATIONAL SEMINAR

The National Gymnastic Seminar will be held in the beautiful and prestigious Phoenix Civic Plaza in downtown Phoenix, November 18, 19 and 20, 1977.

A function of USGF, the Seminar will offer sessions of interest to all levels of gymnastics coaches. There will be teaching instruction in vaulting, dance, tumbling, balance beam, uneven parallel bars, parallel bars, high bar and rings. Also included will be lectures on psychology of coaching, and the care and prevention of injuries.

During the Seminar, the Regional Technical Director and State Judging Officials will conduct classes in judging for Classes III, Class II, Class I competition and optional competition. On Sunday, November 20th, the official USGF certification test at each level will be administered. Conducting these sessions will be elite nationally ranked JoAnne Pasquale, Norma Hammer and nationally ranked Lynn Wilig.

Arizona State University's Men's Gymnastic Team (Western Athletic Conference Champions 1974, '75, '76, '77) and their Coach, Don Robison, will be among the many teachers and demonstrators.

Exhibitors of all types of gymnastic equipment and apparel will be showing their products in the 40,000 square foot exhibit hall in conjunction with the Seminar.

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Activities begin on Thursday evening with a social hour and Seminar check-in from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hyatt. You will receive your registration material and credentials at this time. Teaching sessions will begin Friday at 8:00 a.m. and continue to 5:00 p.m. Saturday sessions are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until noon when the Seminar concludes. Late registration will be completed in the lobby of the Civic Plaza Friday morning.

On Friday, November 18th, there will be an optional "Old West" dinner held at Rawhide, Arizona. Buses will pickup everyone from the Hyatt Regency Hotel to an authentic 1880 frontier town for dinner. Come along and spend three hours under the stars in another century! Rawhide offers a chance to wander through the stores of yesterday, dance to good western music and gamble (with "funny money") in the Copper Queen Saloon.

Rising concurrently at Arcadia High School will be the Second Level Regional Qualifying Meet for Girls. Coaches will be able to attend the Seminar during the day and observe the competition in the evening.

Pick up new ideas, methods, and fresh enthusiasm to help you roll into your competitive season. See you in Phoenix for a busy, beneficial weekend! ☺ ☻



## Sofia Representatives

**THE WOMEN**—Representing the United States at the WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES August 16 to 22 in Sofia, Bulgaria, were the 1977 Gymnastics Team headed by Barbara Casper, Southwestern Missouri State; Ann Carr, Penn State (2); Constance Lee, Cornell, Classmate, Pennsylvania State; California State at Fullerton (not for Third Place), and (5) Carrie Egger, Clemson State. Accompanying the women gymnasts were Coach (Executive Officer) of Classes I, II, and (3) Carl Davis, of Providence, Rhode Island, under **THE MEN**—The WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES ITALY (1971) (several) included, left to right, Gene Whalen, Earl Cooper, Mike Carter, Kirk Thomas, and Ron Collier, with Earl Schenck, Coach, and Ross Allen, Assistant Coach.

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## Jr. Olympics - Boys

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The afternoon competition for 15 to 18 year olds presented a very high caliber of competition, in difficulty and quality. The difficulty level of the top finishers' routines could have been well representative of our Senior level. Many routines executed originally but not with good control. Obviously their overall execution needs to be improved but nevertheless, there were many encouraging signs.

Last year's National in Texas was impressive but there has been much improvement in one year in the quality and the quantity of the work. There were more than a half-dozen double backs and excellent double fulls done in Floor Exercise, also back-work on Parallel Horse by the top performers. Ring swings were a little weak but there were some nice straight arm shots, close to straight arm back-upatic handstands, whippins, and many strong dismounts. Vaulting was another strong event with handspins from, Tsukahara piked, and handspring fulls with a nice flight. The weakness shown in the supporting events by the younger group was not evident in this group. On the Parallel Bars there were some nice Double unders, stick handstands, back toss, handstand and good dismounts such as the double back, back with a fall, and front with a 1½ twist. The horizontal bar work was fine in the voting. But the overall difficulty level has risen tremendously resulting in some lack of control.

Jim Hartung successfully defended his title with a grand tremendous total of 110.39 with Phil Cahoy 2nd at

"...the gymnasts who have the best technical execution in the compulsories, apply that technique in their optionals."

108.80 (and only 150%). Frank Thompson from Tucson was 3rd with 103.75 points. The average score of the top 10 was 100.8 points, 7 full points better than last year. Phenomenal!!!

Out of the 10 top gymnasts in the 13-14, only one failed to stay in the top ten as he had been after the compulsories and only two failed in the older group. This seems to indicate that the gymnasts who have the best technical execution in the compulsories, apply that technique in their optionals.

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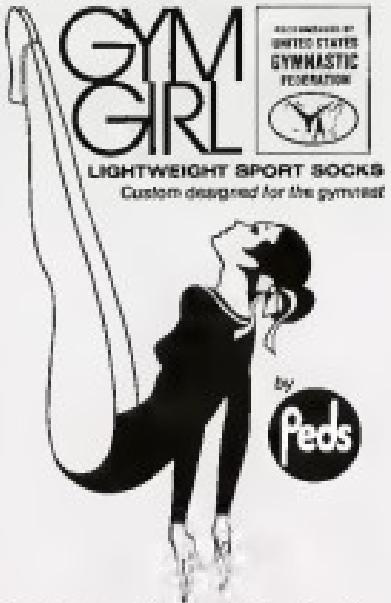
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## **Brazil Tour -**

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If the field of athletes was dominated by gymnasts from the East-European countries so were the officials. Despite this definite disadvantage both Sharon and Denise were lined up in the order of performance second to last by the time we got to Brasilia the culminating bi-point of the tour. This accomplishment seems to give credit to the excellence of their good performances.

As a highlight of the exhibition in Brasilia Mr. DANGERSTEIN presented a special award to SAWAD KATIA. The award was for the most successful male gymnast of recent years. The female recipient was LUDMILLA TURISCHIEVA who received her award on occasion of the Moscow News Invitational. Mr. KATO who had injured himself in São Paulo doing his double back somersault when opening out too soon had recovered enough to give a participation on the final Brasilia box finished only with a full rotating somersault instead of his double back.

A recognition with the highest officials of the "Confederação Brasileira de Desportos" concluded the 1st Festival Internaciona de Ginastica Olímpica.

It was successful for Brazil's development of better gymnastics beyond any doubt. It was successful as an international tool to friendship between people of different philosophies. We learned much from each other; the essence of competition allowed us to get to know each other more easily. One did not feel the need to protest and time broke down the barriers. All seemed to enjoy the success of the others and cheered or felt sorry for their misfortune.

We parted leaving behind many Brazilian friends and hoping to meet again with many of the gymnasts and coaches from all over the world. But whether it is going to be us or others we have once again experienced how our common tool—GYMNASIICS—bridges worlds and we wish that young American kids can get to know this kind of experience. ■

## **Camp Report . . .**

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July 17-No lesson

July 18—Proposed skill requirement for the Junior Elite program—Watawabe

July 19—Learning Whole and parts methods—Watawabe

July 20—Discussion for the proposed Junior Elite program, training schedule—Watawabe

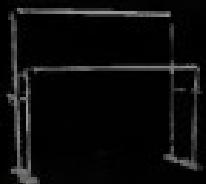
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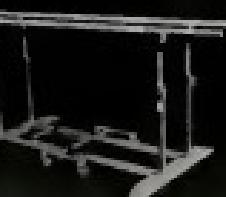
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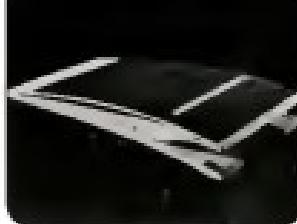
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## Girls' Jr. Olympics . . .

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Marge Foster easily outpointed the field in the Sr.'s. with a 9.70 comp and 9.5 opt. Dianne Ellington was second and Jan Colvin was third.

### BEAM

Kari Lewis on the strength of her 9.6 comp was able to hold on to first with Teresa LaRock finishing second, Beth Casey third.

Most of the competitors had some trouble on beam which kept the scores down; however, the skill level was high and over all execution good.

Dianne Ellington looked great and won Sr. beam with a 9.13 comp. and 9.0 opt. Jan Colvin was second and Marge Foster third.

### BARS

Rosine Barrios performed two great bar sets; 9.50 comp., 9.55 opt., and easily outpointed the other juniors. Kari Lewis was second and Pam Lee third.

Dianne Ellington took first even with a break on her open. She scored in a 9.4 comp. and opt. Jan Colvin was 2nd and Marge Foster 3rd.

### ALL-AROUND

James	Seniors
Kari Lewis	73.45 Dianne Ellington
Rosine Barrios	72.99 Marge Foster
Beth Casey	72.60 Jan Colvin
Pam Lee	72.15 Linda Phillips
Teresa LaRock	71.65
Shen Bechtold	71.30

As part of the Rose Festival activities, the top three competitors regardless of age group were presented with the Rose Cup awards. Gymnasts and coaches were able to take advantage of many of the Festival activities, which included visiting the water front, carnival and tour on U.S. Naval ships, all of which added to their enjoyment of Portland and the Pacific Northwest.

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# Boys Competition—Jr. Olympics

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Brown, Omaha, Neb., 93.6; 8. Dale Hobson, Houston, Tex., 92.0; 9. Dan Chirillo, Reading, Pa., 91.89; 10. Matt Arnett, Albuquerque, N.M., 91.55.

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**FLOOR EXERCISE** - 1. Dale Hobson, 102.0; 2. Matt Arnett, 101.8; 3. Franklin Morris, 1. Miles, 101.75; 4. Joey Ray, 101.75; 5. Steve Biagi - 1. Jacobs, 101.0; 2. Miles, 101.25; 3. Chirillo, 100.5; 4. Matt Arnett, 100.5; 5. Bailey, 100.5; 6. Brian Bailey, 100.5; 7. Biagi, 100.5; 8. Hobson, 100.5; 9. Morris, 100.5; 10. Hobson, 100.5.

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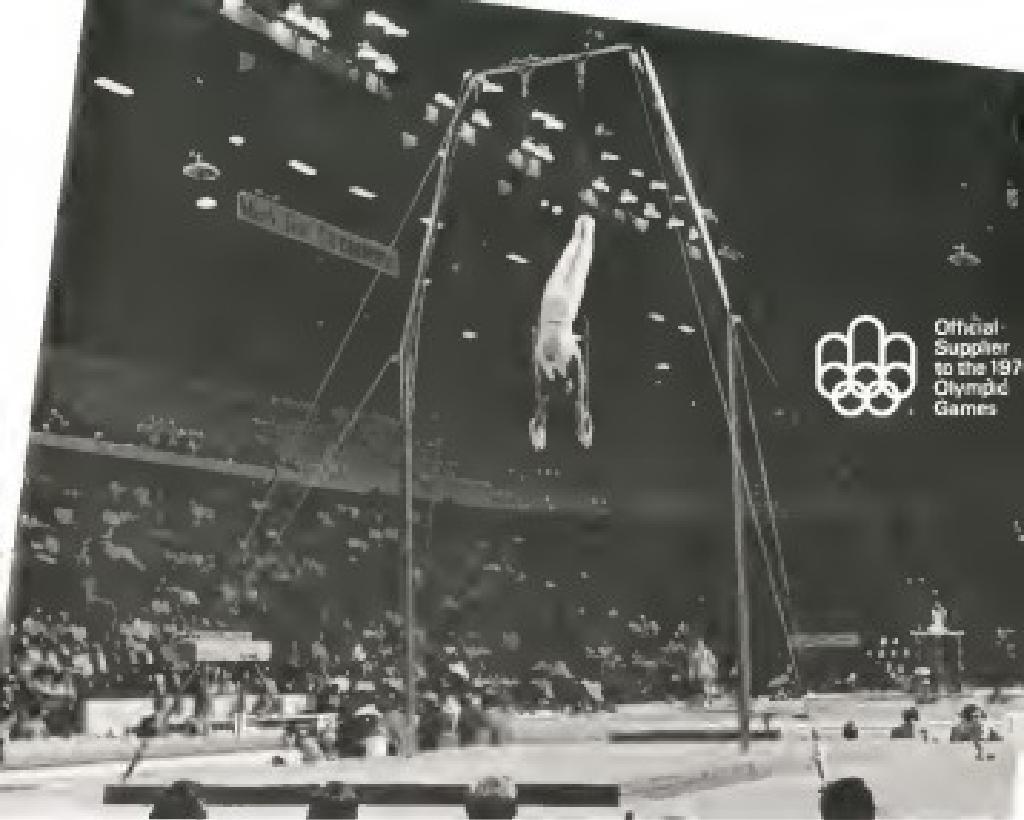
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## '77 USA Romania Tour

Preliminary Schedule

October 7	EVENING PERFORMANCE Cole Fieldhouse, University of Maryland
October 9	PERFORMANCE Madison Square Garden New York City 7 p.m.
October 11	U.S.A. vs ROMANIA WOMEN'S COMPETITION New Orleans, La
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Kurt Lewis	Phoenix, Ariz.
Stephanie Williams	MG Gymnastics, Bethesda, Md.
Margie Weiss (C)	MG Gymnastics

FINAL TRIALS, M.R.G., SACRAMENTO, Sept. 17

ROMANIAN TOUR IN U.S.A., Oct. 5 - 30

BARCELONA INVITATIONAL, Oct. 8 - 13

Kurt Thomas	Indiana State
Roger Couriel (C)	Indiana State
Leslie Russo	Grosfield School of Gymnastics
	Milford, Conn.
Don Peters	Grosfield School of Gymnastics
	Milford, Conn.
Two judges	To be selected

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, M.R.G., BASEL, SWITZERLAND, Oct. 13 - 18

WORLD CUP, OVIEDO, SPAIN, Oct. 28 - Oct. 30

Donna Tumbarello	Kips, Santa Fe Springs, Ca.
Kathy Johnson	Olympia Training Center, Belcher, La.
Lisa Gauthron	Arlington, Texas, Gymnastics Club
Vannie Edwards (C)	Belcher, La.
Kurt Thomas	Indiana State
Bart Conner	University of Oklahoma
Debbie Dashiell	Cincinnati, Ohio
Jerry Todd	Pasadena Jr. College, Ca.

GYMNASTICS CANADA '77, Oct. 30 - Nov. 4

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Jim Fountain Kips, Santa Fe Springs, Ca.

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Men's and Women's Competition dates, locations  
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CHUNICHI CUP, JAPAN, Nov. 10 - 22

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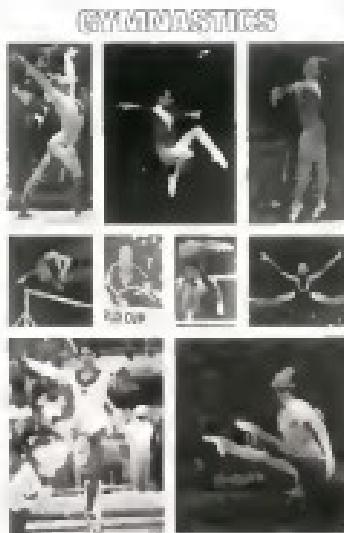
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